

RI Baker School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6:30pm

Location RIBMS Staff Room

1. Call to Order at 6:31 pm
 - a. Welcome/Introductions/Attendance – Jason Prebushewski, Brett Clifton, Sharon Rutledge, Carley Campbell, Amy Morice, Suzi Neufeld, and Tammy Bolstad
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve as presented – Carley Campbell
 - b. 2nd by – Amy Morice
3. Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2022
 - a. Motion to approve as distributed – Carley Campbell
 - b. 2nd by – Tammy Bolstad
4. Reports
 - a. Trustee Reports
 - i) Sharon Rutledge (See attached)
 - b. Chairperson Report (see attached)
 - c. Principal Report
 - i) Jason Prebushewski
 1. Experimented with multi-sport was a big success. We had golf, curling, hockey, and football. We hope is that all of these programs would be running leagues and keep building.
 2. April 5 had a visit from Kate Andrew's staff. They visited grade 8 for a total of 20 minutes passed out registration forms.
 3. Started RI Baker staffing chats with Palliser to see where things are at financially. Jennie emery has fewer students so there may be less staff next year.
 4. Literacy symposium is coming up this week. Deana Smith and I will be attending.
 5. Track and field day was great. It was held at the U of L. The kids loved it and the staff was excited as well. The kids behaved very well.
 6. School dances were held. The Grades 5 & 6 had a beach theme and Grades 7 & 8 had a glow in the dark theme. It was all planned by students went very well.
 7. Baker buzz pod cast. One of our favourite things that has come out of RI Baker and tells everyone what is going on at RI Baker. The students watch it every Friday in class.
 8. PAT's for Grade 6 is coming up. The writing portion next week May 18 and the rest is in June.
 9. Grade 8 finals will be June 17, 20, 22, and 23.
 10. June 23 is the new student orientation 6:30-7:30. Grade 4 from JEES and Grade 7 from Sunnyside have been invited to attend.

11. Raymond pool and pizza will be June 27 for Grades 5, 6, and 7. The Grade 8 class will go to Calaway Park. We put a lot of trust in the kids on these days to behave well independently. There are some kids that trust levels aren't where they should be. Kids who are in question will be left home.
12. Summer Splash Day is June 24. It's a huge fun wet day with a dunk tank and fire hoses. Dress to get wet!
13. Last day and farewell June 28 around 8:30.
14. The goal of school council was to have at least 12 people around the table. Now it's a lot fewer. We would like to make a goal of getting more parents out to school council.
15. Setting the dates for the council dates for all meetings.

5. Business Arising:

- a. The South Crosswalk. Spenser Croil (Town of Coaldale contact) has moved to a different position out of Coaldale. Jason will reach out to see if this project is still planned for the summer.

6. New business:

- a. Making it a goal to get more parents out to parent council meetings. The council executive will be at the welcome night and offer information and be one of the stations for kids to get a signature on their passports, as well as introduce them at the assembly portion of the evening. We need to communicate with parents that there is not a lot of work involved being on council but is more about getting information first hand and giving feedback. The school will provide refreshments at the meetings as well.

7. Bouquets

- a. Darrel Bergman and Carrie Goetzen for the amazing job they did planning the track meet.
- b. All the staff at Baker for the starting up the activities without hesitation such as dances, field trips, clubs etc.

8. Next Meeting:

- a. AGM Tuesday, September 13, 2022 6:30pm
- b. Regular Council meeting to follow
- c. Tentative 2022-2023 meeting dates:
 - November 15
 - January 17
 - March 21
 - May 16

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn – 7:29 pm

**RIBMS School P/C Meeting
May 10, 2022
Trustee Report**

Elisabeth Pascal (ECS teacher at Sunnyside) has been named the 2022 Palliser School Division Board of Trustees' nominee for the prestigious Edwin Parr Teacher Award. A banquet will be held in Taber on May 18, 2022 to honour all nominees in Zone 6 and a winner will be announced. (Zone 6 is located in Southern Alberta made up of 9 school divisions) This award, named in honour of Edwin Parr, former president of the Alberta School Boards Association, was established almost 60 years ago to recognize outstanding first-year teachers.

April Board Meeting Highlights

- 1) The Wellness goal of the division focuses on students becoming literate in mental health, gaining knowledge that will provide them confidence in their pursuit of living a healthy life. The Family School Liaison Counselors (FSLC) team provide one to one and group counseling to students in anxiety, trauma, grief and a multitude of other areas. In the past year, there were over 748 classroom presentations related to wellness.
- 2) The division-wide Literacy Team carries out the Literacy Framework which emphasizes the key areas of Oral Language, and Digital Literacy across grade levels and subjects. This year, staff attended over 40 division-wide learning opportunities related to literacy.
- 3) A Numeracy Team has been established to engage leaders, teachers, students and community to further the division's numeracy framework. Focus will continue on key areas of elementary numeracy: number sense, mathematical reasoning, visual math, and problem solving. An online platform will allow staff to share resources, plans and projects across the division.

May Board Meeting Highlights

- 1) Dr. Browning presented the English Language Learners report. We have 3,370 students with the largest number in Calgary, over 500 students in Lethbridge area schools, over 100 students in Vulcan area, and 331 students in colony schools. The focus of the program is on key areas of oral language, vocabulary and content area literacy. Palliser has coordinated professional learning opportunities with other school divisions specific to English language. The team has implemented new early literacy assessments which are helping students receive credits while obtaining the level of English proficiency necessary for high school courses.
- 2) Update on the new school build will be held on May 24 at RIBMS and May 25 at KAHS from 4:30 - 5:30 for staff and 6:00 to 7:30 for the public. Next Board Meeting is June 14, 2022

RIBMS Year End Chair Report

Thank you to everyone who has attended our council meetings this year. I really feel it is a great source of information to keep families informed of what is happening around RI Baker.

We are thankful that lately we have been able to host a few activities, one of which was funded by the Government provided ASCE School Council Grant money. This Grant was to be used for parent engagement and thankfully we were able to already put this grant to great use. Ted Emmett came to RI Baker on March 31st and gave a great presentation titled "A Post Pandemic Look at Technology and Adolescent Online Activity". This was a great night with many parents and students in attendance. The presentation was shared with Baker families on the website and has some great information about how to start the conversation about social media with your child, and how to come to an understanding about rights vs. privilege.

I attended the (Alberta School Councils' Association) ASCA annual general meeting on Sunday, April 24th. There was lots of information shared throughout the day, mostly updating the ASCA Bylaws and adopting a new meeting structure. There were a few takeaways:

- ASCA has many resources for parents and members of School Council. It is great to know there is a governing body to contact if there was ever a situation that needed some clarification.
- There was a motion made to submit a request to the Government to restore funding to ASCA. The funding ASCA received was cut previously earlier this year. The motion was passed and a letter of support will be send to the Government requesting the funding be reinstated.

Thank you again for sticking with me this year. It has been both the longest and shortest school year yet.

Carley Campbell
RIBMS President